

Honorary Consul License Plates Fee Increase

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New Information

This memo obsoletes the VIN 2011-23 Honorary Consul License Plates Fee Increase memo. Effective with vehicle registration expiration dates of December 31, 2011, and later, Honorary Consul License Plate fees for original, substitute, reassignment, and retention will increase. The Honorary Consul License Plate **renewal** fee will remain at the current rate of \$25. A **renewal** fee increase will take effect with expiration dates of December 31, 2012, and later.

Procedures

Continue to process Honorary Consul License Plate applications following the current procedures shown in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §21.190.

As of December 31, 2011, the Honorary Consul License Plate fees will increase as follows:

<i>Transaction</i>	<i>Current Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Original	\$40	\$48
Substitute	\$30	\$38
Reassignment	\$20	\$38
Retention	\$25	\$38
Renewal	\$25	No increase

Background

Honorary Consul License Plates are issued to an honorary consular officer or similar official, who is a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident of this country, and who is appointed by a foreign country for the purpose of facilitating and promoting the interest of that country.

The intent of the original Honorary Consul License Plate legislation was that Honorary Consul License Plate fees would reflect the same fees as other environmental license plates. Honorary Consul License Plate fees were overlooked and never increased.

References

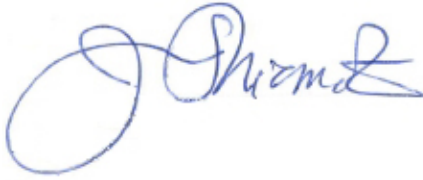
California Vehicle Code §§5006(a), 5006(b), 5106, and 5108
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §21.190

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